

## NOTICE OF REVIEW APDES Preliminary Draft Permit

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
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# NOTICE OF REVIEW OF AN ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) PRELIMINARY DRAFT PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEC has prepared an APDES preliminary draft permit for the Seward Coal Loading Facility, which is operated by Aurora Energy Services. The Preliminary Draft Permit and associated documents are available to the applicant for a 10-day review. Following the close of the 10-day applicant review period, DEC will prepare a draft permit and fact sheet for a formal public review period. Public comments will be accepted during the formal public review period. You can access the documents on DEC's Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program webpage at: <a href="http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm.">http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm.</a>

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#### **Preliminary Draft Permit Review:**

**Start Date**: May 1, 2015 **End Date**: May 14, 2015

**Permit No.:** AK0053732

**Applicant:** Aurora Energy Services

Seward Coal Loading Facility

Facility Address: 903 Port Avenue Seward, AK 99664 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1789 Seward, AK 99664

#### **Proposed Project and Location:**

The Seward Coal Loading Facility (Facility) is operated by Aurora Energy Services and is designed as a coal terminal to facilitate the transport of coal mined in Alaska to Pacific Rim markets. The Facility specifically functions as an area to unload coal from railcars, convey the coal to storage, reclaim the coal from storage, and load it into bulk carrier ships for open ocean transport and delivery to market. Incidental coal is discharged during normal operations from belt conveyor (BC) system BC-14 and the shiploader system located at the terminus of BC-14, which transfers the coal over Resurrection Bay to the bulk carrier ships. The Facility is located in the City of Seward, Alaska at the head of Resurrection Bay. The permit proposes authorizing a 31.3-acre project area zone of deposit on the seafloor surrounding BC-14 and the shiploader system for residues (i.e., coal).

#### **Administrative Record:**

The APDES preliminary draft permit, fact sheet, and associated documents are available for public review at the DEC offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Soldotna, and Wasilla. Please contact the office of your choice to arrange for hard copies of the documents to be available for your review.

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If you would like to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact William Ashton.

The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at: <a href="http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm">http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm</a>

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